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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been drastic cut in allocation for Agricultural Research and Education for the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, facts thereof and the comparative figures for the last three years;

(c) whether this drastic cut in Re Stage had adversely affected almost all the major plan- schemes during 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) The Plan Budget of Rs. 629.55 crores was reduced to Rs. 550.00 crore for the year 2000-2001 at Revised Estimate stage.

(b) The facts and comparative figures for the last three years are as under:

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Expenditure
1997-98	331.17	331.17	323.30
1998-99	531.17	445.00	427.72
1999-2000	573.50	504.00	498.47

(c) & (d): The Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance impose budgetary cuts due to the financial constraints in the country. Keeping in view the extent of availability of funds, the DARE/ICAR reprioritized its requirement for various schemes and projects so that no major adverse effect is felt.

(e) The Department is consistently pursuing the matter with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance to get more funds allocated.